



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 3,000 Tons of Asphalt Materials for Fiscal Year 2008/09

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2008

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 3,000 tons of asphalt materials for fiscal year 2008/09.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The asphalt materials purchase is needed to carry out the annual street maintenance program. This program is guided by the Pavement Management System used by the Streets and Drainage Division and is consistent with past practices. The street maintenance program includes a base failure repair program and routine pavement repairs at an estimated cost of \$180,000. This is a simple purchase of materials which has traditionally been bid on by the only two asphalt suppliers in the area.

The amount of asphalt used by the Streets and Drainage Division has been reduced by 25%, from 4,000 tons to 3,000 tons, over the past five years due to budget reductions. The amount of asphalt requested for fiscal year 2008/09 is the same tonnage of asphalt approved for fiscal year 2007/08, but the estimated increase in cost of \$24,000 over the last fiscal year is due to the escalating cost of asphalt. As the 2008/09 budget has not yet been finalized, should the full amount of funding needed not be made available; staff will reduce the amount of asphalt purchased to the level of funding.

Trucking services will be dealt with on an informal bid basis, as the individual costs will be less than \$5,000 per event. This has been the accepted past practice and will allow us to obtain services from multiple sources on an as-needed basis rather than relying on one provider for the entire season. The proposed operating budget has sufficient funds to cover these items.

FISCAL IMPACT: This budget expense will assist the Streets and Drainage Division in its continuing effort to maintain the City of Lodi's asphalt paving.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: The money for this material will be coming from the Street Operating Budget 2008/09.

Project Estimate: \$180,000
 Budgeted: 2008/09 fiscal year
 Planned Bid Opening Date: April 17, 2008

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